

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 847 - SB 1172**

April 26, 1999

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires health insurance plans to cover the cost of reconstructive surgery for congenital or developmental deformities in certain children.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Health Insurance Industry\***

Estimate assumes that:

- there is no impact to the TennCare Program because such surgery is considered medically necessary and is currently covered.
- the bill does not affect the state health insurance plan or self-funded local government plans because of Federal law (ERISA).
- some private health insurance plans do not cover such surgery and this mandate would increase expenditures for some private plans.

\*The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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